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Ninth Annual Sessions Note Progress Reports

More than 150 delegates and visitors to the Ninth Annual Sessions of the Southeast Convention heard Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, challenge the convention with the stirring words — "Now Is the Time — Here Is the Place."

As if in response to the challenge the Rev. Hugh Lasseter, convention chairman for the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign, could report that the \$25,000 goal of the convention was over-subscribed by the churches.

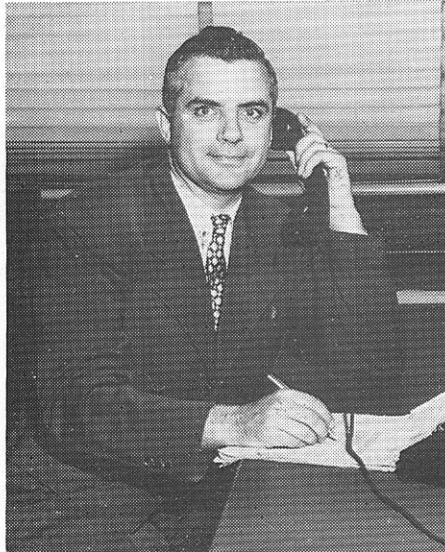
Rev. A. Ray Meserve, chairman of the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education, reported the highest giving to Our Christian World Mission in the history of the convention — a total of \$31,773. When the CHEF contributions of \$4,543 are added, the grand total is \$36,316.

Elected to lead the convention in the next year of its life is Mr. Allan G. Saunders, a layman of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Ala.

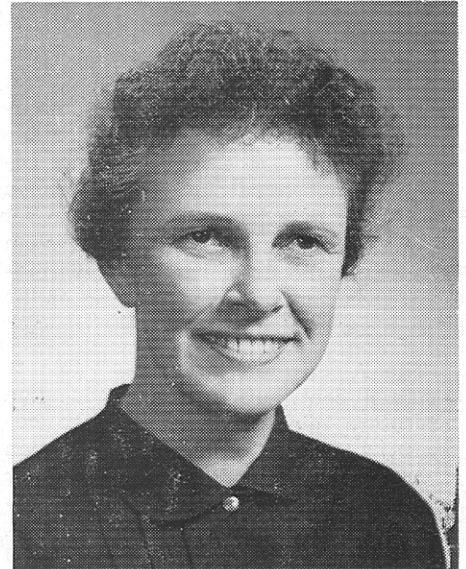
The Reverend Carolyn P. Welch, minister of the Evarts, Kentucky, Congregational Christian Church, is the new moderator-elect. Mrs. A. D. Harry was re-elected recording secretary. Mrs. Harry is a member of the Lanett Church. Mr. W. J. Strickland, a member of Central Church, Atlanta, was continued as treasurer.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution that will make it an acting conference of the United Church of Christ when the new constitution of that body is declared in force by the General Synod in July.

Also unanimously adopted was a resolution authorizing the officers and directors of the convention to enter into discussions with the appropriate bo-



MR. ALLAN G. SAUNDERS
Moderator



REV. CAROLYN P. WELCH
Moderator-Elect



MRS. A. D. HARRY
Recording Secretary



MR. W. J. STRICKLAND
Treasurer

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CHEF Funds Help Support Congo Theological School

\$90,000 of the first receipts of the Christian Higher Education Fund have been forwarded by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, our Congregational Foreign Mission Agency, to the Theological Education Fund of the International Missionary Council. As a result of this gift Congregational Christians will be assisting in upgrading the Faculte de Theologie Protestante in Elisabethville in the Congo. The Theological Education Fund has made a grant of \$100,000 to raise this school to university level. This grant has been made on condition that a representative group of churches in the Congo raise \$50,000 for the same purpose. Dr. Charles Ranson, Director of the Theological Education Fund, has described this gift as "an act of faith in the future of the Christian Church in the Congo and a reaffirmation of the need for the training of the Congolese ministry."

The American Board was able to make a contribution to the education of future ministers in the Congo because 2,170 Congregational Christian Churches have made commitments or cash payments to the Christian Higher Education Fund totalling \$6,217,830. The \$90,000 which the American Board forwarded to the Theological Education Fund represents three payments on a \$150,000 commitment for the advancement of inter-denominational theological education in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The fund was established through a single contribution of \$2,000,000 made by the Sealantic Fund on behalf of Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr. This was matched by gifts from eight mission boards, including our own American Board, totalling \$2,200,000.

Continued payment of CHEF Declarations of Intention by local churches will make it possible for the American Board to meet its commitment to this worthwhile investment in the education of ministers for the leadership of Christian churches around the world.

Mr. Millard Fuller, a former convention PF president, is moderator of the new church group at Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. W. R. Green (Bill), another former PF convention leader is moderator of the new United Church at Huntsville, Ala.

Convention Churches Are Approving Constitution

As of May 1st fifty churches of the Southeast Convention had reported voting approval of the proposed constitution for the United Church.

By the same time only 11 churches had reported negative votes. Two churches voted to abstain from voting on the constitution.

Across the nation 2505 Congregational Christian churches have voted approval and only 164 have voted against.

All twelve of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Synods that have voted on the constitution have voted approval. The remaining synods will be voting in May.

The churches of the convention have until June 1st to vote on the constitution. More than half already have taken action.

Churches Voting Approval

Andalusia, Antioch
Andalusia, First*
Atlanta, Central
Barnesville, Fredonia*
Birmingham, Pilgrim
Brantley, Liberty*
Charleston, Circular
Chattanooga, Pilgrim*
Clio, New Hope
Columbus, First
Columbus, United
Corbin, Pilgrim
Crestview, Dorcas*
Crossville, Tenn.
Dadeville, Elder
Deer Lodge
Demorest
Douglas, First
East Tallassee, First
Evarts
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill
Garden City
Glen Mary
Headland, Blackwood
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove
LaGrange, United
Lanett, Cong'l. Christian
Langdale*
Meansville, First
Midland City, Christian Hill
Mountain Creek, Union
Nashville, Brookmeade
Oxford, Sardis
Pearson, Union Hill
Phenix City, First
Phenix City, Russell Woods
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove
Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
Richland, First
Roanoke, Antioch

HERE AND THERE

Ministerial Changes

The Reverend Floyd Carmack has been called as minister to the United Church, LaGrange, Ga., and will begin his new ministry there the middle of May. The family will move its residence from Roanoke to LaGrange in June. Mr. Carmack previously had served Roanoke, Antioch and LaFayette, Pleasant Grove Churches.

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The Reverend Henry C. Weaver has been called to serve Macedonia Church, Braselton, Georgia, effective May 1st. Mr. Weaver, who lives in East Point, Ga., also serves First Church, Richland, Ga.

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Phenix City, First Church

Homecoming will be observed at First Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, Alabama, on Sunday, May 21. Former members and friends are invited to attend.

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Dr. Thomas Anderson, Central Church, Atlanta, is back in the pulpit again after a six-week journey that carried him to the Holy Land at Easter-time.

Roanoke, Lowell
Roanoke, New Hope
Robbins, Barton Chapel
Shawmut, Todd
Soddy
Steppeville, Mountain Grove
Tallassee, Mount Olive
Wadley, Christian
Waycross, Williams Chapel
West Point, Bethel

Churches Voting Against

Andalusia, Coldwater
Ashland, Bethel
Baker, Good Hope
Baker, Pyron's Chapel
Bristol, Antioch
Buford, Duncan's Creek
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel
Floral, Cluster Springs
Lanett, Huguley
Roanoke, Rock Springs
Seman, Community

Churches Voting To Abstain

Enigma
Hampton, County Line
(The vote of churches marked * has been reported to the convention but had not been published on the national list when the Southeast News went to press.)

East Tallassee 65 Plus Club Active As Teen-Agers' Group

By Doug Wasson

When your soul gets weary and you need a new outlook on life, take a trip to East Tallassee on the day when the "65 Plus Club" meets and you'll get the rejuvenescence you need!

This dynamic group, now more than 200 members strong, does more things and has more fun than any teen-age group could dream about!

Meetings are held once each month and the attendance runs from 70 to 100, depending upon the weather, the arthritis and the energy. Most of the members are in the seventh or eighth decade of life, basically because those just under 70 won't admit it . . . just yet.

The organization grew out of the concern of members of the Women's Fellowship of the East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church in 1954. These church women read a great deal about "problems of the aged" and realized that there were dozens of elderly people in the Tallassee area who needed social outlets and wanted a chance to share and serve.

The first meeting was held on Oct. 26, 1954, and the club was organized with nine charter members: T. L. Beck, Martin Butler, J. M. Sayers, Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Miss Rosamond Williams, Mrs. W. L. Collum, Mrs. J. I. Barker, Mrs. J. E. French, and Mrs. Will Jones. Of this original group six are still active members of the club. Mrs. Collum, Mrs. French and Mr. Butler have since died.

After the second month, the organization began spreading beyond the confines of the Congregational Christian fellowship and nearly every church in the area now has members.

Mrs. Marrell Rhodes was president of the Women's Fellowship at the time of organization and has been continually active. Mrs. G. F. Logan and Mrs. John C. Fralic are key workers along with Mrs. Rhodes.

Mrs. Logan was recognized for her vital role in the organization in April, 1957, when she and her husband received the Tallassee Tribune's Solid Citizen Award.

The 65 Plus Club has "adopted" two ministers, Toby Quinn of the Tallassee Church of Christ and Harold Henderson of the East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church, as its "roving pas-

tors." The spiritual emphasis is very much a part of the club's activities and the group even has its own hymnal with hymns selected by the members themselves.

Theater parties, hobby shows, quilting parties, plus the run of holiday observances have served as themes for meetings. The various civic organizations in the Tallassee area have helped with financial backing but, by and large, the club raises its own funds.

The highlight of each year has been a major bus trip to some place of interest, providing a journey away from home which is often the first time out of Alabama for some of the members. Trips have been made to Ida Cason Gardens, the Little White House, and the Cyclorama in Georgia, and to the beach at Pensacola. Usually from 60 to 75 members make these journeys and have the time of their lives.

The really big plans for 1961 include a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and the Great Smokies — an overnight affair — sometime in June. Before then, a picnic at Kowaliga Beach is in store for everyone, especially those unable to make a long bus journey.

How the club has grown! There were 88 members present for the fourth anniversary party in 1958 with the membership total at 141. When it came time for the fifth birthday, the whole club came attired as five-year-olds — to the delight of the entire community.

When the Congregational Christian Church women finished the new educational plant and kitchen at the church, they were surprised by the 65 Plus Club members with a kitchen shower, a token of appreciation for the fine work being done.

The annual Christmas party is another highlight of the year. The usual round of gift exchange, food and fellowship is present, but the climax comes when the members reenact the Nativity scene. Walking canes become shepherd's crooks and the snowy white hair of some of the women makes a natural halo for the Angels.

In spite of the happy times the members have together each meeting, there is often a tinge of sadness as those who have been claimed by death are remembered. Prayers for the sick are a definite part of each devotional

LaForet Conference For Laita In August

The 1961 LaForet Conference for Men and Women will be held August 20-26 at LaForet Camps, near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This is the only conference in the United States for Congregational Christian and Evangelical & Reformed men and women. It is sponsored jointly by the National Women's Fellowship (CC), the Women's Guild (E & R), the Laymen's Fellowship (CC), and the Churchmen's Brotherhood (E & R).

The cost of the conference will be \$35.00. Registrations should be sent to Mr. William E. Peterson, 10 West Lockwood Ave., St. Louis 19, Mo.

Ninth Annual Sessions

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dies, the Convention of the South and the South Indiana Synod, looking toward the eventual formation of a new United Church Conference in this area.

The delegates and visitors were particularly appreciative of the hospitality of the host church. An added attraction to the meeting was the bus tour of the lighted dogwood trails on Saturday night following the banquets. Three buses were provided for the occasion and each was filled.

During the sessions the moderator, Rev. W. Raymond Berry, in the name of the convention, presented to the Reverend Miss Annie R. Campbell, who resigned as Minister of Christian Education, a beautiful punch bowl and tray with four dozen cups as an expression of appreciation for the work Miss Campbell did and of the affection in which she is held.

Dr. Fred Hoskins and Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, minister emeritus of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., presented to Rev. Victor E. Marriott a certificate marking the anniversary of the 50th year of his ordination to the ministry. Dr. Marriott is now retired and makes his home at Pleasant Hill.

An invitation was extended and accepted for the Tenth Annual Sessions to be held at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, 1962.

service.

How right was the poet when he said, "Grow old along with me . . . the best is yet to be!"

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Superintendent's Corner

Each of the annual meetings of the Southeast Convention it has been my privilege to attend has proven an interesting, informative, and inspiring experience.

It is always a rewarding experience in fellowship to be with the delegates and ministers from the churches. Our geographical area is so large many of us rarely see each other except on such an occasion.

Each of the host churches has done an excellent job in entertaining the convention. This year was not an exception to the rule. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Ray Meserve and the members of the Knoxville Church discharged their heavy responsibilities with efficiency and graciousness.

The delegates who made the tour will long remember the bus trip along the lighted dogwood trails on Saturday night. This was a special added feature to a delightful weekend.

A measure of pride can be taken in the reports made at the convention, which indicate we still are on our "Program of Progress".

Now let us look to renewed effort this year and another outstanding annual meeting in Birmingham in 1962.

Superintendent's Schedule

May 7 — William's Chapel, Waycross
May 8-11 — Minister's Convocation,
Southern Union College
May 18 — United Church Rural Issues
Committee, Oak Park, Ill.
May 19 — First Church, Knoxville,

Churches Reach CHEF Goal For Convention

When the Southeast Convention met in annual sessions at Knoxville, Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, convention chairman for the Christian Higher Education Fund, could report that the goal of \$25,000 accepted by the convention had been met in pledges from the churches of the convention.

Fifty-six churches of the convention have accepted goals and/or made contributions. If the remaining churches would assume a share of responsibility in this endeavor the convention would greatly exceed its goal. How about your church? Is its name on the list?

Andalusia, Antioch	250.
Andalusia, Coldwater	50.
Andalusia, First	200.
Andalusia, New Home	50.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,000.
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.
Brantley, Liberty	75.
Caddo, First	75.
Dadeville, Elder	300.
East Tallassee	400.
Garden City	20.
Headland, Blackwood	450.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	300.
Lanett, Congl. Christian	2,000.
Lanett, Huguley	200.
Langdale	1,000.
Lineville, New Harmony	50.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25.
Phenix City, First	345.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	200.
Roanoke, First	400.
Roanoke, Forest Home	100.
Roanoke, Lowell	300.
Roanoke, New Hope	100.
Roanoke, Rock Stand	200.
Shawmut, Todd	60.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	50.
Wadley, Beulah	75.
Wadley, Christian	500.
Wadley, Corinth	50.
Wedowee, Noon Day	300.
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	100.
Bonifay, New Effort	156.
Crestview, Dorcas	100.
Atlanta, Center	50.
Atlanta, Central	3,600.
Barnesville, Fredonia	250.
Braselton, Macedonia	50.
Buford, Duncan's Creek	50.
Columbus, United	100.
Demorest, Federated	400.
Douglas, First	100.

Tenn.

May 21 — First Church, Phenix City
May 28-29 — Elon College (N. C.)
Commencement

HERE AND THERE

General Council Delegates

Mr. Allan G. Saunders, Birmingham, Mr. Fred D. Powell, Tallassee, Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Huntsville, Dr. Walter A. Graham, Southern Union College, Rev. Arnold Slater, Chattanooga, Rev. John D. Schofield, Lanett, and Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. will be delegates to the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches meeting at Philadelphia, Penn., June 29-July 3.

General Synod

Moderator Allan G. Saunders, Rev. W. Raymond Berry (immediate past moderator), and Supt. Lightbourne will be the delegates of the Southeast Convention to the General Synod of the United Church, July 3-7, in Philadelphia.

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Southern Union Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Southern Union College met at the college April 14-15. The Southeast Convention elected Mrs. A. D. Harry, Lanett, Mr. Vernon Carter, Wadley, and Supt. Lightbourne as its representatives to the Board in the class of '64.

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Friendship Church, Baxley, Ga., and Ambrose (Ga.) Church met together on Sunday, April 30, at Friendship to discuss the United Church Constitution with Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. Rev. Troy Beach is the pastor of Friendship Church and Rev. Norman Overstreet is the pastor of Ambrose Church.

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Homecoming will be observed at William's Chapel, Waycross, on Sunday, May 7th, and at Roanoke, New Hope, on May 28th.

LaGrange, United	1,200.
Pearson, Union Hill	300.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	225.
Richland, First	25.
Evarts, First	450.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,000.
Crossville, First	450.
Daisy, First	450.
Deer Lodge	150.
Glen Mary	150.
Knoxville, First	3,000.
Nashville, Brookmeade	750.
Pleasant Hill, Community	900.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	100.
Total	25,331.
Ky.-Tenn. Summer Conf.	31.
Ky.-Tenn. Women's Fellowship	50.
	25,412.

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .



Valley District PF Elects New Officers

Pictured above are the new officers elected by the Valley District Pilgrim Fellowship at a rally held at the Langdale Congregational Christian Church in March.

From the left are Tommie Gail Moore, Todd Church of Shawmut, president; Tony Dollar, Langdale Church, immediate past president; Wray Allen, Huguley Church, vice-president; Ann Williamson, Langdale Church, secretary-treasurer.

S. Alabama-N. W. Florida PF Holds Spring Rally

The spring rally of the South Alabama-N. W. Florida Pilgrim Fellowship District was held at Andalusia First Church on April 29th and 30th.

Three district Pilgrim Fellowship groups were present: Andalusia Antioch, Andalusia First, and Headland Blackwood. A total of 23 delegates attended the rally.

On Saturday afternoon workshops were held. These workshops were on Race Relations, led by Wayne Graves; and Prayer and Yourself, led by Rev. Earle H. Temple and Rev. Otto Culpepper.

The rally was highlighted with a trip to Lake Jackson Saturday night. At the lake the delegates roasted wieners over a bonfire and played games on the shore of the lake.

Newly elected district officers were installed Sunday morning in an impressive installation service conducted by Mrs. Arthur Wallace. New district officers are: Joe Brackin, president; Ann Stewart, vice-president; Ella Jean Ballard, secretary-treasurer; Delaine

Seventh Annual PF-YF Conference Held April

More than two hundred young people, adult leaders, and visitors attended the seventh annual PF/YF conference held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, April 8-9.

Miss Lindianne Roberson, LaGrange, Ga., president of the youth organization, presided over the two-day sessions.

Elected president for the coming year was Boyd James of Pearson, Ga. Wray Allen of the Huguley Church, Lanett, Ala., will serve as vice-president. Linda Williams, Columbus, Ga., is the new recording secretary and Don Quinn, Birmingham, Ala., is the corresponding secretary. Elected treasurer was Bruce Little, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Chip Saunders is the new Faith Commission chairman; Sandra Wright, the Action Commission chairman; and Helen Copas, Faith Commission chairman.

Dr. David H. Sandstrom, minister of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, was the featured speaker on Saturday and preached the sermon at the Sunday morning service.

Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin, minister of the host church, worked closely with the young people in planning the annual meeting in the absence of a minister of Christian Education for the convention. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hicks, adult leaders of the youth group of the Pilgrim Church, were responsible for local arrangements.

Approximately 200 persons attended the banquet on Saturday night held at the Jewish Community Center. Mr. Millard Fuller, a former president of the organization and moderator of the newly formed church at Montgomery, Ala., was the guest speaker.

The next annual meeting will be held April 7-8, 1962, at East Tallassee, Ala.

Eubanks, Fellowship Commission chairman; Pat Brackin, Action Commission chairman; and Johnny Miller, Faith Commission chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Graves

Summer Conference Essay Contest Winners Named

The winners of the Alabama-Northwest Florida essay contest, "What Summer Camp Means to Me", recently were announced.

Kenny Woodham, a member of the First Church, Phenix City, won first place in the senior high division and Jean Carden placed first in the junior high division. (We apologize for the fact the we don't have Jean's home church name). Kenny and Jean each won \$15.00 scholarships for summer conference.

Barbara Joan Boggs, Lanett Church, placed second in the senior high competition and Sara Horn, Lowell Church, Roanoke, in the junior high. They each won \$10 scholarships. Jimmy Ludlum, Andalusia, Antioch, won a \$5 scholarship in the junior high division.

Church Officers' Banquet Sponsored By Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship of the Blackwood Church sponsored a banquet for the church officers, their wives and husbands February 25th. Fourteen were present.

Following the meal the officers held their first meeting since assuming office. M. O. Johnson, deacon, presided. A meditation on "Stewardship", using illustrated charts, was given by Dora Brackin. Reports and recommendations by each officer were made and discussed by the group, with recommendations later made at church business meeting.

Plans for welcoming the new pastor, the Rev. Otto Culpepper, and wife were made.

Summer Conference Dates

- Kentucky - Tennessee Junior High, Camp Pomona, June 11-17
- Kentucky - Tennessee Senior High, Camp Cumberland, June 25-July 1
- Alabama-N. W. Florida Senior High, Southern Union College, July 30-August 5
- Alabama-N. W. Florida Junior High, Southern Union College, August 6-12
- Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference, Roosevelt State Park, August 13-19

Annual Meeting For Women's Fellowship

Ane hundred and thirty women were present for the banquet and annual meeting of the Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship. This is the largest attendance ever recorded by the group.

Mrs. G. F. Logan presided over the meeting, which was held in Knoxville, Tenn., in connection with the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention.

A new program of Honorary Memberships and Memorials was launched at the meeting. Each local group will want to honor members or former members in this way and thereby build up a benevolent fund for convention-wide projects.

The program had as its theme Latin America. Miss Ellen Hull conducted an "Air Tour" of the area. Mrs. Harveta Barr, in Latin American costume, was on hand to greet the travelers. Miss Miriam Heerman added a final personal touch recalling observations from her tour in this area.

Miss Dora C. Brackin, Headland, Ala., was elected president of the group. The vice-presidents are: Mrs. Harry Barry, Alabama; Mrs. Walter Williams, Georgia-South Carolina; and Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht, Kentucky-Tennessee. Miss Ellen Hull, Langdale, is the new secretary-treasurer.

The chairmen of the various departments are: Spiritual Life and Evangelism, Mrs. Clarence W. Baldwin, Birmingham; Stewardship, Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, East Tallassee; Missionary Education, Mrs. Ray Miller, Nashville; Christian Social Action, Mrs. Paul Reynolds, Pleasant Hill; Friendly Service, Mrs. Emmett Bailey, LaGrange; Christian Education, Mrs. J. Kermit Harris, Barnesville.

Summer Retreats Scheduled

During the summer months the Women's Fellowships of the various areas in the convention will hold retreats. Officers and chairmen from local groups are urged to attend.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE — June 14,
Camp Pomona

GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA, July
14-15, New Perry Hotel, Perry, Ga.

ALABAMA-N. W. FLORIDA, July 28-
29, The Southern Union College

Convention Adopts Resolution Report

1. Whereas, the delegates to the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches have been so graciously entertained by the First Congregational Church of Knoxville, Tennessee,

BE IT RESOLVED that we thank most heartily the pastor, the Rev. A. Ray Meserve, and all members and friends of this church for the hospitality shown and for the many services given to make this meeting a success. We would thank them, too, for arranging the special bus trip along the Dogwood Trail, siren and all:

2. Whereas, we are moving forward in our work in the Southeast Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our appreciation:

First, to our superintendent, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., for his inspiring leadership, where it seems like the rougher the work and its problems, the higher he rises to meet them;

Second, to our office secretary, Mrs. Wilmer L. McCord, for her loyal service and work over and above the call of duty;

Third, to our able moderator, the Rev. W. Raymond Berry, our moderator-elect, Mr. Allan G. Saunders, our recording secretary, Mrs. A. D. Harry, and to our treasurer, Mr. W. J. Strickland, and all of our committee chairmen, for their faithful sacrifice and leadership during this past year, and all others who have helped in any way;

3. Whereas, Dr. Fred Hoskins, our keynote speaker, has given us a new sense of vision and an awareness of the opportunities before us,

We express to him our deep appreciation and pray that God's spirit will give us direction in the days that lie ahead that we may accept the challenge.

4. Whereas, the report of the Social Action Committee is published in our Southeast News and reported on here at the convention,

And, whereas it recommends that hereafter fraternal delegates from the Convention of the South and the South Indiana Synod be invited to the annual sessions of the Southeast Convention,

We recommend that its suggestion be enthusiastically implemented and

Laymen's Retreat Planned June 9-11

More than 75 laymen and ministers gathered at the Churchmen's Banquet held during the annual sessions of the Southeast Convention at Knoxville, Tenn., at which plans for a Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat were announced.

President W. P. Ingram informed the men that Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., president of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Penn., and Mr. William E. Peterson, national director of the Congregational Christian Laymen's Fellowship, will be the guest leaders at the retreat from outside the area.

Also among the leaders for the retreat, which will be held at the Southern Union College, will be President Walter A. Graham of the host institution, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Newly elected officers of the Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship are: Mr. Odell Yancey, Langdale, president; Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Chattanooga, vice-president; Mr. Fred D. Powell, Tallassee, secretary-treasurer.

Supt. Lightbourne gave a brief address on the subject of "Men and Missions". The new officers were installed by Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister of the General Council.

The cost of the retreat from Friday evening through Sunday noon will be \$9.50. Saturday morning through Sunday noon will cost \$7.50. The cost includes a registration fee of \$2.00.

Registrations should be sent to Mr. W. P. Ingram, Box 703, Birmingham 1, Alabama.

followed that our faith may be put into action,

5. Whereas, Southern Union College and the Vanderbilt Divinity School are our particular institutional responsibilities,

We urge that —

We support them with renewed vigor financially and prayerfully and by encouraging our youth to attend school there and to enter church vocations.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. John D. Schofield, Chm.
Mrs. Emmett Bailey
Mrs. Yancey Sears
Rev. Annie R. Campbell